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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 615

DATE PREPARED: Jan 20, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Department of Indiana Heritage.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Department of Indiana Heritage. It provides that the Department is under the direction of a commissioner appointed by the Governor. The Department would consist of:

- (1) the Office of the Commissioner;
- (2) the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites (currently under the Department of Natural Resources, or DNR);
- (3) the Historic Preservation, Archeology and History Division, (currently two separate agencies, the Indiana Historical Bureau under the Indiana Library and Historical Department, and the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology under the DNR);
- (4) the Indiana State Library Division (currently part of the Indiana Library and Historical Department); and
- (5) the Division on Public Records (currently the Commission on Public Records).

The bill eliminates the Indiana Library and Historical Board. It also creates the Indiana Heritage Commission to act as an advisory board for the Department of Indiana Heritage. It also makes certain conforming amendments and requires the Legislative Services Agency to prepare additional conforming amendments for introduction in the 2000 regular session of the General Assembly.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999; July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates the Department of Indiana Heritage. The Office of the Commissioner would be established, and five existing state governmental entities would be essentially transferred and reorganized into four new divisions of the Department. It is not known how many positions would be needed to staff the Office of the Commissioner. Table A (below) summarizes the current authorized full-time positions, vacancies, and salaries for the five agencies which would be placed under the Department

of Indiana Heritage by this proposal. This information is taken from the Department of Administration's staffing reports (11/30/98). More detailed information regarding the staffing and salaries of these entities may be obtained from the Legislative Services Agency.

TABLE A: Current Authorized Positions, Vacancies, and Total Salaries for Proposed Divisions of the Department of Indiana Heritage

<u>Proposed Division Name</u>	<u>Current Status of Proposed Division</u>	<u>Authorized Positions</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>
Division of State Museums and Historic Sites	Division of State Museums and Historic Sites under the DNR	85	4	\$2,227,646
Historic Preservation, Archaeology, and History Division	(a) Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology under the DNR	14	0	\$434,321
	(b) Indiana Historical Bureau under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	12	1	\$257,137
Indiana State Library Division	Indiana State Library under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	73	7	\$1,779,865
Division of Public Records	Commission on Public Records	50	8	\$959,339
ALL DIVISIONS		234	20	\$5,658,308

Table B (below) contains the current General Fund appropriations for the affected agencies, along with their respective budget requests (General Fund only) for the FY 1999-2001 biennium.

TABLE B: Actual FY 1999 General Fund Appropriations and FY 1999-2001 Biennium Budget Requests (from the General Fund) for Proposed Divisions of the Department of Indiana Heritage

<u>Proposed Division Name</u>	<u>Current Status of Proposed Division</u>	<u>FY 1999 Appropriations</u>	<u>FY 2000 Request</u>	<u>FY 2001 Request</u>
Division of State Museums and Historic Sites	Division of State Museums and Historic Sites under the DNR	\$4,186,840	\$4,502,512	\$4,502,512
Historic Preservation, Archaeology, and History Division	(a) Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology under the DNR	\$602,560	\$678,965	\$678,965
	(b) Indiana Historical Bureau under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	\$415,734	\$404,997	\$404,997
Indiana State Library Division	Indiana State Library under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	\$6,195,214	\$6,201,011	\$6,201,011
Division of Public Records	Commission on Public Records	\$1,526,074	\$1,680,655	\$1,672,755
ALL DIVISIONS		\$12,926,422	\$13,468,140	\$13,460,240

The bill also creates the Indiana Heritage Commission. The eleven-member Commission would include the Commissioner, the directors of the four divisions of the Department, and six citizens appointed by the Governor. The members of the Commission who are not state employees would be entitled to a minimum per diem allowance of \$35 when conducting Commission business. All members could receive

reimbursement for travel expenditures as established by the Department of Administration's rules. Total costs will depend on the number of meetings, but the Commission must meet at least four times each fiscal year.

This proposal would also establish the History and Historic Preservation Review Board. The Board would be chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Indiana Heritage and comprised of at least ten other individuals. The members of the Board would be entitled to per diem allowances and travel reimbursements. The total cost of the allowances and reimbursement would depend on the frequency of meetings and the number of Board member who are not state employees.

The creation of the Department of Indiana Heritage and the necessary general restructuring will require additional unknown expenditures. The total cost of public notification, adjustments to publications and office stationery, and various other expenditures is not known.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill creates the Department of Indiana Heritage Fund as a dedicated funding source for the Department. The fund would contain money donated to the Department, proceeds from the sale of gifts donated to the Department, and the earnings on investments from the fund. A similar fund would also be established for the Department's Historic Preservation, Archeology and History Division. The Historical Publications and Educational Fund and the Governor's Portrait Fund would be effectively transferred from the current Historical Bureau.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Library and Historical Department, Commission on Public Records, DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Administration.